

The Jesus That Raised Lazarus John 11

11:4

In touch

Knows all about you. Knows your needs before you ask. No need to send email. Text message. Phone call.

He knows my days, my nights, my pain, my sorrow, my loneliness, my anxiety, my financial condition.

He knows when we are sick. This information concerning Lazarus was not news to Jesus. The messenger had nothing to say to Jesus that he did not already know.

He does not have to watch Fox News or CNN or Headline News.

11:5

In Love

He loves you. He loves sinners. He loves leaders, he loves followers. He loves the good, the bad, the ugly. He loves the poor, the rich.

I think I have a tough time loving Martha. She seemed fretful and bossy. Mark seemed meek and loveable.

Most of all, he loves sinners. Died for sinners.

11:6

In Control

If you got a call a precious loved one die, lose control. Forget where you at. I have heard horrifying screams from the lips of folk who have lost loved one. Folk faint at the news of a loved one passing. God not on nerve pills. He not sniffing anything. He is calm when I am unraveled. When the world is one fire, he will sit on his throne with total calm

Never dial 9-1-1. Never had a planning session. Never had a course on handling emergencies. Never gone to first-responders class.

11:7

In command

If only we will listen to him.

He stilled winds and waves with his voice.

If we listen, he will never lead us wrong. Never give bad information.

Disciples: we can't go to this funeral, verse 8. Jesus and disciples are at the Jordan River where Jesus was baptized (see 10:40) seeking refuge from the religious zealots who tried to stone the Lord. They say to him "they sought to stone you the last time you there (see 10:31) and that is why we came here, to get away for the evil men in Jerusalem."

It is a bold statement made by the disciples to tell the Lord what he could and could not do. We do likewise- not with our words but by our actions. "I know what the Bible says, but I can't see my way clear."

11:11, 14

In the Know

Again, our Lord knows all things. No email. No messenger. No fax. No telegraph. No text message, and he never saw the news of Lazarus dying on the internet.

Knows hairs of head. Attends the funeral of every sparrow. What a Lord. Knows what we need before we ask. Knew he was going to be the Savior of mankind before there was ever a man on this planet.

11:17

In town

A preacher said of visiting the places where Jesus walked in Palestine: "I am not interested in being where Jesus *has been*, I want to be where he *is now*."

Where Jesus came, the place was never the same. City of Nain. Blind Bartimaeus by the roadside. Visited Jericho and found a tax collector up in tree. I like it when Jesus is in the midst.

The home where the children have no food, a drunken daddy. A man sang the verses of a song Friday evening that Jesus found squatting in the corner of a crack house.

Why is Jesus in Bethany? They wanted him there. Maniac of Gadara the crowd beckoned to him to leave, we are not impressed with anything you have done. Jesus would come to our town if we would summons him.

11:41-43

In action

Laz, come forth

Mission accomplished.